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# MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  $\square$  continuation  $\boxtimes$  divisional continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/396,937 filed on September 15, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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for

METHOD FOR DOWN-REGULATING OSTEOPROTEGERIN LIGAND ACTIVITY

- Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, drawings/photographs  $\boxtimes$ declaration and 1. claims, applicable).
- The filing fee has been calculated as follows:  $\boxtimes$ 2.

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	60-20 =	40	x 18 = \$720.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	8-3 =	5	x 84 = 420.00	x 42 = \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
		TOTAL	\$1,420.00	\$0.00

- A check in the amount of \$0.00 to cover the filing fee 3. and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount 4. of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed. Enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_) sheet(s) of formal 5. drawings and/or photographs. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in П 6a. prior Application No. 09/396,937 on \_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity The current application qualifies for small entity  $\Box$ 6b. status. The prior application is assigned to M&E Biotech A/S,  $\boxtimes$ 7. Horsholm, Denmark A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. 8.
- Priority of Application No(s). PA 1998 01164 filed in Denmark on September 15, 1998 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on December 14, 1999.

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9b.		Priority of International Appln filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
10.		An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11.	$\boxtimes$	Address all future communications to:
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12.		An extension of time for() month(s) untilhas been submitted in parent Application No. 09/396,937 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
13.	$\boxtimes$	Also enclosed herewith is the following:
		Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
		Cover Letter/Priority Document
		Express Mail Certificate (EL 980122985 US)
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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# EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

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I hereby certify that the enclosed Divisional Application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on date indicated above and is addressed to MS PATENT the APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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